

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125 (as amended to date) please delete specification paragraphs [0001] and [0002] and replace with the following new specification paragraph numbers [0001] through [0002]. It is respectfully submitted that the substitute specification does not introduce new matter into the above-referenced patent application.

[0001] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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[0002] This application is a continuation of application PCT/EP99/07800 filed October 6, 1999, published in English on April 22, 2000 as WO 00/23471, designating the United States of America, which itself claims priority from European Patent Application EP 98203529.7, filed on October 20, 1998.
